

LtCol David L. Coggins, USMC (Colonel Select)

Lieutenant Colonel Coggins command assignments include deployments to southeast Asia and southwest Asia as a platoon commander in the 2nd Marine Division, company command in 1st and 3rd Marine Divisions and battalion command in the 3rd Marine Division with a focus on amphibious operations, counterinsurgency and expeditionary warfare. Other command assignments include Deputy Camp Commander, Camp Delmar aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, California, Commanding Officer Camp Schwab and US Military Representative of the 11th Residential District of Okinawa, Japan.

His staff assignments include assistant battalion operations officer, platoon commander Officers Candidate School, Officer Selection Officer, battalion executive officer and Senior aide de camp to the Commanding General of the 1st Marine Division. As a Joint Specialty Officer his assignments include Project Officer Joint National Training Center, USJFCOM J7 and Executive Assistant to the Commander of the Joint Warfighting Center. His NATO assignments include Secretary to the Vice Chairman of the Deployable Forces Coordination Group and Chief Land Component Command Evaluator for the Operational Preparation Directorate, Headquarters Supreme Allied Command Transformation. He served also as the Chief Advisor for Standardization/Evaluations and Senior Mentor for Leadership Development to Iraqi Training and Doctrine Command, NATO Training Mission-Iraq.

Lieutenant Colonel Coggins graduated from the following schools: Platoon Leaders Course, Officers Candidate School 1987, University of Tennessee (BS Education with honors) 1988, The Basic Officers Course 1988, Amphibious Assault School 1989, Amphibious Warfare School, Marine Command and Staff College, NATO Defense College 2007. He has published the following papers: Riverine Warfare in Vietnam and Towards a Complimentary Approach between the EU and NATO.

His combat tours include OPERATION DESERT STORM 1991 and OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM (2003, 2006/2007). Additionally he has deployed multiple times to southeast Asia and participated/supported major engagement activities, humanitarian assistance and disaster relief operations.

His personal awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (second award), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (third award), and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal. He is married with four children, lives in Virginia and serves with NATO's Allied Command Transformation.